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	Gautam Sain	2176	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 October 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

- 1) This Final rejection is in response to the amendments filed on 10/26/05 and supplement amendments filed on 5/17/05.
- 2) Applicant adds claims 14 and 15, which are entered and rejected under prior art.
- 3) The Examiner uses the Li reference as evidentiary support to show that the motivation to combine the mentioned references (see below) as well known in the art, as consistent with MPEP section 2143.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

- 4) The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

- 4-1) Claims 1 - 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nation (as cited above), in view of Burke (US 6032162, issued Feb 2000).**

Regarding claims 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, Nation does not expressly teach, but Burke suggests comparing ... categories (ie., collate bookmarks by sorting the bookmarks by an attribute previously allocated to the bookmarks by controller; Examiner interprets that in order to collate bookmarks in any order, they must be compared).

Nation teaches highlighting ... Web pages (ie., links that the user has traversed previously by the user then change some feature of the text ... color, font, underline...)(col 2, lines 4-8).

Additionally for claim 10, Nation teaches one memory ... data (ie., internal memory used to store or retrieve information from the computer)(col 1, lines 15-25).

Additionally, for claim 13, Nation does not expressly teach, but Burke suggests accessing a web page on the server on which web pages arranged in categories are displayed (ie., in the bookmark display areas, the various categories are displayed)(Burke, Fig 5, item 503, 505, 510, 515, 520).

Nation does not expressly teach, but Burke suggests retrieving URLs ... plurality of users (the user can transfer the bookmark file, which contains bookmarks, to a server location for storage and users that have permission to access the bookmark, which the examiner interprets as being enabled to be accessed by a plurality of users if they are granted permission)(ie., col 3, line 67 – col 4, line 2; col 4, lines 50-54).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Nation to include collating and displaying bookmarks by sorting the bookmarks by an attribute previously allocated to the bookmarks stored on a server and/or a client location accessed by permitted users as taught by Burke, providing the benefit of clearing overload (Burke, col 1, line 32) and solving the need for a tool that allows a user to build and organize a large collection of bookmarks according to users' patterns of revisiting web pages (see Li et al, US 6631496, filed March 22, 1999; Li reference is used to show motivation only), because it was well known in the art.

Regarding claims 2, 5, 8, 10, Nation teaches bookmark ... client (ie., the browsing software keeps a history of links the user traverses. The history is kept in the

history file which is associated with the browser. The browser is on the client machine)(col 2, lines 1 –5).

Regarding claim 3, 6, 9, 12, Nation does not expressly teach, but Burke teaches bookmark ... server (the user can transfer the bookmark file, which contains bookmarks, to a server location for storage and users that have permission to access the bookmark, which the examiner interprets as being enabled to be accessed by a plurality of users if they are granted permission)(ie., col 3, line 67 – col 4, line 2; col 4, lines 50-54).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Nation to include bookmarks stored on a server and/or a client location accessed by permitted users as taught by Burke, providing the benefit of clearing overload (Burke, col 1, line 32) and solving the need for a tool that allows a user to build and organize a large collection of bookmarks according to users' patterns of revisiting web pages (see Li et al, US 6631496, filed March 22, 1999; Li reference is used to show motivation only), because it was well known in the art.

Claim 14, 15, Nation teaches highlighting ... Web pages (ie., links that the user has traversed previously by the user then change some feature of the text ... color, font, underline...)(col 2, lines 4-8).

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Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 10/26/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The Applicant primarily argues that the Nation in view of Burke references does not teach/suggest the invention in claim 1. The Examiner disagrees, although the references may not expressly teach those claimed limitations, the combination of

references does suggest that the claimed invention would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention, particularly because bookmarking web pages was well known in the technological arts, particularly by interpreting the claims with their broadest reasonable interpretations. See attached Non Patent Literature for additional support of the motivation (introduced for supportive evidence only).

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gautam Sain whose telephone number is 571-272-4096. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-5 EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather Herndon can be reached on 571-272-4136. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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